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The rowan tree grew red
and full of juice.

Mother dressed her
daughter for the
holiday:
a red kerchief, red little
boots ---

the girl became like a
rowan tree herself.

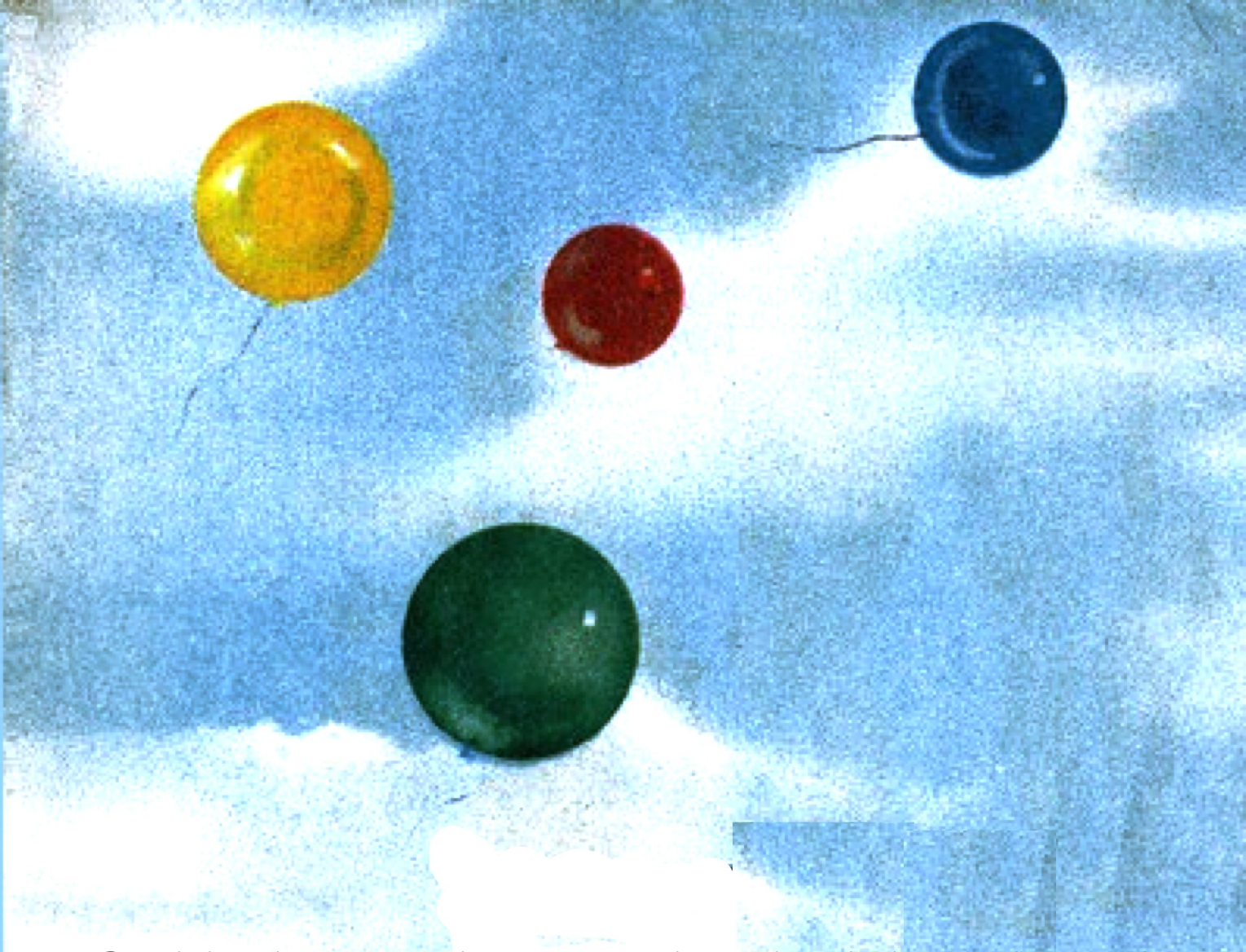
The yellow sunflower is
slender and tall.
Look what a cheerful
little son:
a yellow shirt, a yellow
belt ---
the little son is yellow
like a flower.

In the grove beside a little
stump the grass was
turning green,
and mother dressed her
youngest daughter...

In a green kerchief,
in green little boots,
the girl became like
a blade of grass herself.

A blue cornflower was blooming in the field.
What a beautiful little son:
a blue shirt, a blue sash, the little son himself is like a cornflower.

One morning they went to the boulevard and
bought each of them a balloon on a string.
They fluttered like a light, colourful flock.
Now try to guess: who has which one?



Suddenly a wind rose and rushed down from the mountain.
It crept up to the children and carried the balloons away.
They fluttered off like a light, colourful flock.
Now try to guess: whose was which?

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